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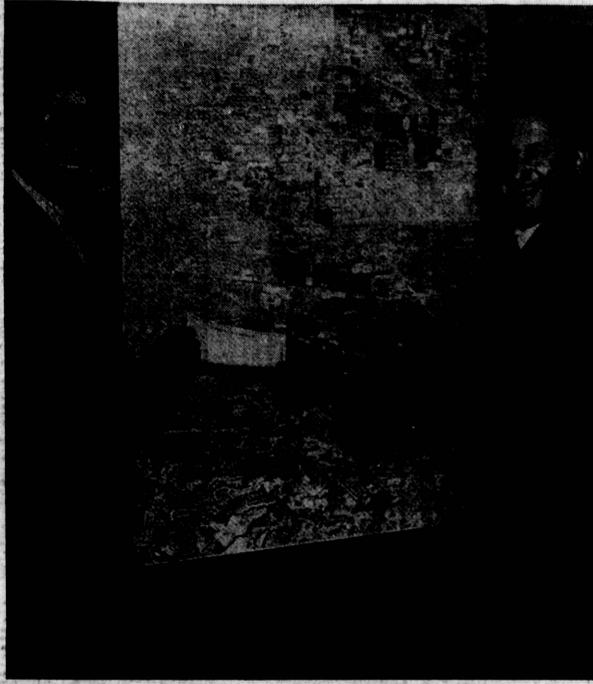


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ROAD FUNDS ... Mayor Albert Isen accepts check for \$35,000 from Arlyn Weber (right), deputy to Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, for the improvement of 190th Street between Crenshaw Boulevard and Van Ness Avenue. The check represents County gas tax funds and the money has been made available to Torrance as part of Hahn's program to provide the safest roads possible for the area, he said.

Thomas, Chapel Bid For Re-Election

Two of the area's veteran Assemblymen announced this week that they would be candidates for re-election at the June 7 primary elections.

Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-San Pedro), the senior member of the Assembly in terms of service, said he was going to seek re-election and said he was seriously considering being a candidate for the post of speaker pro-tem. He has been in the Assembly since 1940.

Assemblyman Charles E. Chapel (R-Palos Verdes) made it official Monday when he be-

came one of the first to file an official declaration of candidacy for the June primary election. Chapel has been in the Assembly since 1950. The announcement from Thomas ended speculation over his plans. Many had thought he might be a candidate for the newly created 32nd senate district seat. "Although I have been tempted to run for the new state senate seat," Thomas said, "after full consideration of the question, I am now convinced that as the most senior member of the State Assembly, I can better serve our area by remaining in my present post."

Thomas said a number of local projects needed to be completed and added that he would be forced to give up a number of committee posts he considered of importance to his area.

His decision to seek re-election to the Assembly opened the race for the Democratic nomination to the new State Senate seat. Already announced as candidates for the nomination are David K. Lyman, Torrance City Council

member; Harry Root, San Pedro attorney; Dudley Gray, San Pedro resident and Gardena attorney; Lionel Cade, Compton City Council member; Harold Garvin, Harbor College instructor; Robert Hillier, active in Wilmington area Democratic affairs; Victor DiBlase, Lomita.

Also filing for re-election was Assemblyman Joseph E. Kennick, whose 44th District includes Long Beach, Dominguez, and Carson areas.

Changes in City Oil Code Given Tentative Approval

Amendments to the city's oil code providing fewer restrictions on secondary oil recovery operations won tentative approval from the City Council Tuesday night.

Final action on the ordinance, however, was delayed to give City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer a chance to give the proposals thorough study. The new oil code amendments were prepared by attorneys for Standard Oil Co. to facilitate secondary recovery operations in the area near Sepulveda and Crenshaw Boulevards.

Remelmeyer told councilmen he did not approve the form of the ordinance, and wanted to study the matter in detail before the City Council took final action.

The council gave him 30 days to complete the studies and return with his recommendations.

Drale Decides to Challenge Isen

Nick Drale, a 16-year-veteran of the City Council until two years ago, announced plans to file for office today, challenging the re-election bid of Mayor Albert Isen.

Drale served four full terms between 1948 and 1964, including a year as mayor. He told the Press-Herald yesterday that he would seek to unseat Mayor Isen, who has filled the post since he took the gavel from Drale in 1955.

Filing action began to pick up on the local scene this week as prospective candidates neared the Thursday noon deadline to qualify for the April 12 ballot.

Thirvin D. Fleetwood filed to challenge incumbent Thomas C. Rupert for the city treasurer's post. Ethel Kovach has been issued nomination papers for the same office.

'Run-Around' Charged On Airport Complaints

Gunman Escapes With \$1,000 in Solo Bank Holdup

A lone gunman fled with nearly \$1,000 after robbing a Torrance bank shortly before closing time Monday.

Officers who investigated the mid-afternoon robbery said the bandit apparently waited in line before the cage of bank teller Janette Moore before robbing the Security

First National Bank at 190th and Anza of the money.

Mrs. Moore told officers the bandit came to her window, leaned over to reveal a pistol, and said, "Give me all the money."

The teller was handed a paper sack and she stuffed the money into it from her cash drawer.

The victim was warned to keep still until the bandit was out of the bank.

A car which may have been used as the getaway vehicle was reported by witnesses to have fled south on Anza Avenue at a high rate of speed just after the robbery.

The holdup came about 10 minutes before the bank's normal closing time. Other bank employees and customers report they did not notice the robbery.

Clinic Set Tomorrow For X-Rays

An evening clinic for chest x-rays will be held tomorrow at the Torrance Health Center, according to Earl W. Kendrick, M.D., district health officer.

Dr. Kendrick said the Torrance Health Center will remain open until 7 p.m. tomorrow, with clinic hours beginning at 1 p.m. The health center is located at 2300 W. Carson St.

Weekly clinics are held on Thursday afternoons from 1 to 3 and on Fridays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 1 to 3 p.m., Dr. Kendrick said.

Evening chest x-ray clinics are held each month for the benefit of persons who are unable to attend a day clinic, he explained. Clinics will be continued on the third Thursday of each month.

Principals To Attend Conference

Thirty-three Torrance principals will attend the 1966 conference of the California Elementary School Administrators Association in Los Angeles April 3 through 6.

Theme of the conference is "Education in Transition." Principals who will attend the sessions include Mrs. Ellen Booz, Joseph T. Brandon, Earl R. Brown, Richard Brown, George C. Chalekson, Donald R. Credell, Robert R. Dexter, and Hugh H. Dooley.

Other administrators planning to participate in the meetings are William R. Forrest, Lester T. Foster, John M. Kasser, Victor U. Kilburn, D. Boone Kirks, Philip Korman, William E. Leahy, George Marich, Donald F. Mullaney, Edward J. Richardson, Stanley G. Roberts, Ernest E. Thom, Dr. Frank E. Tyrrell, Dr. Dale R. Wickstrom, and William A. Zecher.



POLICE OFFICER ... Robert E. Kalstrom, who resides locally with his wife, Karen, was one of 88 men graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy recently, after completing 12 weeks of intensive training. Officer Kalstrom has been assigned to the Harbor Division.

Area Spokesman Says 'Politics' Delaying Action

Complaints against low-flying aircraft were renewed last night before the Torrance City Council amid charges that a report on the matter is being "button-holed" until after the city's April 12 election.

John W. Judd, president of the Southwood Riviera Homeowners Association, made the charges while requesting a council hearing into violations of the flight pattern at the Torrance Municipal Airport.

Judd said his group has "been bounced between the FAA (Federal Aviation Agency) and the airport management" in its efforts to prevent planes from flying over the Southwood Riviera area.

"We are asking for a date a hearing," Judd told the council. "Can we have a date?"

"We are trying to cooperate, if you'll give us half a chance," Isen said.

OLSON AND Ken Miller and George Vico, who comprise the council's Airport Committee, will arrange a meeting with Judd prior to any further action by the council.

Following last night's meeting, Judd told the Press-Herald that homeowners were not trying to "do away with the airport." He said recommendations regarding the flight pattern were made to the Airport Commission by a sub-committee of the Citizens Advisory Committee for Community Improvement last October, but were not adopted.

"We just want the FAA-approved flight pattern enforced," Judd said. He also said homeowners want assurance that the airport will not be used by jet aircraft.

JUDD SAID many pilots are observing the flight pattern, but that those who are not are creating noise and safety hazards by low-level flying over the Southwood area.

Operations at the Torrance Airport are under direction of the Federal Aviation Agency which operates the airport tower.

A meeting "to discuss aircraft noise and related subjects" has been scheduled at the airport next Wednesday, FAA officials scheduled to take part in the meeting include John H. Hilton, Los Angeles area manager, and Paul R. McAfee, noise abatement officer for the FAA Western Region.

Tentative Map Wins Approval

Initial construction of the Del Amo Financial-Center's first unit moved a step closer last night with the approval of a tentative tract map for the development.

City Councilmen unanimously approved the tentative map and added their personal blessings to the proposed \$200 million development.

Approval came after J. A. Beasley withdrew a proposal that the developers be required to get water from the Torrance Municipal Water Department. A spokesman for Del Amo Properties, Inc., said legal problems may preclude use of Torrance water although he pledged cooperation with the city and the water department.

CONSTRUCTION of the first unit of the center — a 13-story tower on the northwest corner of Hawthorne Boulevard and Carson Street — may begin as early as April. Four pavilions also are included in the first unit. Plans for the center call for the eventual development of a complex of financial offices, retail facilities, restaurants and hotels, and apartment (Continued on A-2)

Deadline For Voters Tomorrow

Voter registration for the April 12 municipal elections in Torrance and Lomita will close at midnight tomorrow.

To assist with last-minute registrations, the Torrance League of Women Voters will have deputy registrars on duty tomorrow from 7 to 9 p.m. at three of the city's libraries, according to Mrs. Frank Branes, coordinator of the League's voter registration drive.

Deputy registrars will be stationed at the main library, 1345 Post Ave., at the El Retiro Library, 126 Vista del Parque, and at the North Torrance Library, 3604 W. Artesia Blvd.

In addition, registrars will be stationed at the Redondo Beach Library in the Redondo City Park and at Carson Library, 22102 S. Main St., from 7 to 9 p.m. The North Redondo Library, 2000 W. Artesia Blvd., will be staffed from 6 to 8 p.m.

From noon until 4 p.m. today and tomorrow, registrars will be at the Del Amo Center.

Lomita voters may register at the Lomita City Hall, 253rd Street and Narbonne Ave., until 4:30 p.m. today and tomorrow.

Meeting Set on College

Representatives of the Torrance City Council will attend a meeting March 1 in Sacramento to discuss strategy regarding location of the South Bay State College with Assemblyman Vincent Thomas (D-San Pedro). Efforts apparently will be made to establish two small colleges — one on the Dominguez site previously designated by trustees of the State College and one in "the real South Bay." Mayor Albert Isen, commenting on the meeting, said he has not given up hope that a Torrance site may be selected for the college.

YMCA to Use Fire Circle

Leaders in the YMCA's upcoming fund drive will inaugurate the new YMCA building's campfire circle this evening with a steak barbecue beginning at 6:30. Leader of the Teams Campaign will meet to lay final plans for the campaign to raise \$100,000 to put finishing touches on the new center and to provide operating funds for the coming year. Co-chairmen of the drive are Edgar Johnson and Ralph Marzullo. Section chairmen are John Bramhall, William Poser, and Barney Luckenbach.

Bloodmobile to Visit

The Red Cross bloodmobile will be stationed at the Torrance Elks Lodge, 1820 Abalone, from 2 until 6:30 p.m. Thursday and at the Riviera Community Hospital on Monday from 2:30 until 7 p.m. A total of 220 pints of blood are sought on Thursday and another 110 pints on Monday. Appointments may be made through blood bank chairmen or by calling the Red Cross at 832-8321.

Area Pilots Set Meeting Tomorrow

Tony Orgain, a fled representative of the Champion Spark Plug Co., will address the South Bay Hangar Session meeting tomorrow evening. Orgain will present an illustrated lecture on the "mechanical" side of flying, according to Jack Egan, manager of the Torrance Municipal Airport.

The session will be held at the Torrance Recreation Center, beginning at 7:30.

Egan said the program will be non-technical in nature and extended an invitation to all pilots and their families to attend the meeting.